



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah Gilg and the United States Marshal's Service announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Curtis Kearnes, age 32 of Winnebago, was sentenced after being convicted of escape from federal custody. The Honorable Laurie Smith Camp sentenced Kearnes to 18 months in prison. After his release from prison he will begin a 3 year term of supervised release.

Kearnes was serving the end of a 77 month assault sentence at a Bureau of Prisons Community Corrections Residence in Hastings, Nebraska. After being involved in a physical altercation with another resident he left the residence and did not return. Kearnes was apprehended at his mother's residence in Winnebago more than a month after his escape. Kearnes' 18 month sentence will begin after he completes the remainder of his earlier sentence for assault.

Name of Defendant: Curtis A. Kearnes

AKA:

Age: 32

City of residence: Winnebago, Nebraska

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Escape from custody, 5 years imprisonment, \$250,000 fine, or both imprisonment and fine, not less than 3 years term of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Omaha, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Omaha, Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: On or about the 16th day of October 2010

Federal Arrest Date: November 8, 2010

Date Complaint Issued: November 2, 2010

Indictment Returned Date: November 16, 2010

Initial Appearance Date: November 19, 2010

Plea or Trial and Date(s): Plead guilty on January 20, 2011

Sentencing Date: April 18, 2011

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: Thomas D. Thalken

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Held without Bond

In Continuous Custody Since: November 8, 2010

Assigned District Court Judge: Laurie Smith Camp

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